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Cost of gas to kill flame?

The high cost of gas may soon put a stop to the Eternal Flame at Appomattox, or so Mrs. Virginia Wilson was told by officials of the natural-gas flame, which burns constantly in memory of the Appomattox Americans killed in U. S. armed conflict, is costing the Appomattox American Legion Post upwards of $200 monthly to maintain.

Dennis Grigg, commander of Appomattox American Legion Post 104, appeared before the Appomattox Town Council last week to ask for help and requested help from the Board in maintaining the flame's burning.

Dr. S. R. Lawson, chairman of the Board, pointed out that the flame was lighted on the 4th of July and such requests must be considered during the budgeting process which begins in the fall of the fiscal year.

However, Lawson and Board member Mrs. Ann Leggett said to fulfill an obligation of $700 payment toward the Memorial Park.

The $700 was obligated to the memorial in the early 1970s, Lawson and Leggett recalled. The sum was to be presented to the American Legion Post upon completion of the memorial park and presentation to the Supervisors of a bill for work done.

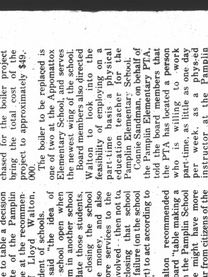
However, according to Barbara Williams, clerk of the circuit court, the bill for work completed was never presented, and a check was never written for the Board's $700 share.

The Board agreed to honor the obligation for $700, which the Legion Post 104 will receive at the War Memorial Flame for the remainder of this year.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Appomattox Regional Library and a number of nieces and newphews.

A funeral service was conducted at 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 15, at the Liberty Baptist Church by the Rev. Rex Bennett. Burial followed in the Liberty Cemetery.

MR. AND MRS. IVEY HOLLAND place a wreath at the foot of Appomattox County War Memorial in the Courthouse Square in memory of the Appomattox County veterans who died in U. S. [illegible] Veterans Day activities held last [illegible] Appomattox Americans [illegible].



Board delays PES decision

The Appomattox County School Board voted Wednesday to delay any decision on whether to close Pamplin Elementary School should be closed at the end of this school session.

The vote came following a special meeting to discuss architect's fees and additional materials purchased for the boiler project on the Pamplin School, a project to approximately $49,000.

The boiler to be replaced is one of two at the Appomattox Elementary School, and serves the Pamplin School and gymnasium.

Board members also directed Walton to look into the possibility of operating on a part-time basis a physical education teacher for the Appomattox Elementary School.

Connie Sandman, on behalf of the Pamplin Elementary PTA, requested that consideration be given that the PTA has located a person who is willing to work part-time, as little as one day per week, as a physical education instructor at the Pamplin school.

Walton pointed out that it would be necessary to announce the vacancy before a person can be employed, and that the part-time physical education instructor would be a good addition to the Appomattox Elementary School.

The Board members also heard a request from Tommy Lawson that Board meetings be held at night so that more parents could attend the meetings each month. No action was taken on the request.

Anti-Cold Homes Program fired up

While there are a staggering number of cold homes in Appomattox County that may be without adequate heat this winter, the problem is rapidly becoming increasingly aware of the needs in the county.

Cold Homes Emergency Program in Appomattox County is one of the first such programs to be put into action to meet the heating needs of unemployed families," said Mrs. Virginia Babcock, Director of the Department of Social Services, "it is coordinated and co-sponsored by the social services agency and non profit agencies and groups.

It has brought into the community a unity of brotherhood."

The program has reached out through these various groups to help those in need.

"Let us know who in our community needs help with heating bills," Mrs. Babcock urged. "We have many contributions of wood for anyone. We help when we're needed.

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Local girl directs television show

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

Scenes from historic Appomattox will be featured as a part of the PM Magazine television show during Thanksgiving Dinner Preparations on Wednesday, November 26, and Debbie Rush is responsible for the publicity and promotion.

Appomattox will be featured on Channel 7 sponsored by Blue Ridge Power Co. at the end of the summer and Debbie Rush, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Holland, directed and was grand prize winner.

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